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Letter dated 13 September 1999 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions of my Government, I have the honour to forward to you a note verbale regarding the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (see annex). I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

(*Signed*) Semakula **Kiwanuka**
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Note verbale dated 13 September 1999 from the Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of Uganda to the United Nations has the honour to refer to a note verbale dated 7 September 1999 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the United Nations, addressed to the Secretary-General, regarding item 167 of the agenda of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly (A/53/1048).

In view of the ceasefire agreement and in view of the fact that the peace process has already been launched and in view of the fact that the Secretary-General has already deployed military liaison officers and civilian staff to the various capitals, calls upon the Secretary-General to reject the demand of the Democratic Republic of the Congo that item 167 of the agenda of the fifty-third session be kept on the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

The Government of Uganda further urges the Secretary-General to reject the purported circumvention of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly whereby the Permanent Representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo demands that his current request should not be presented to the General Committee.

The Government of Uganda is committed to a peaceful settlement of the conflict and urges all parties, including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, to pursue the path of peace. A debate on the alleged armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo is totally inopportune and disruptive and should therefore be rejected.